

Directors Institute – Working Together, Achieving Results

Tuesday, September 29				
Time	Activity			
7:00 - 8:00	Conference Registration			
7:00 - 8:00	Breakfast—Event Center			
8:00 - 8:10	Presentation of Colors and National Anthem			
8:10 - 8:20	Welcome—Angela Denning, Deputy Associate Superintendent, ADE Exceptional Student Services			
8:20 - 8:40	Arizona Department of Education Superintendent Diane M. Douglas			
8:40 - 9:40	Keynote: “Unstoppable Learning ” Dr. Doug Fisher, Professor of Educational Leadership at San Diego State University			
9:40 - 10:00	Coffee Break and Vendor/Exhibitor Area Open—Solana E			
Time	Session Title	Room	Presenter	
10:00–11:30	Utilizing Educator Evaluation Data to Impact Teacher Growth	Cira A	Virginia Stodola	Raquel Alvara
	Crazy for Chrome	Cira B	Mary Keeney	Ann Gortarez
	AZ School Readiness Framework and Continuum-Early Childhood	Cira C	Dr. Lauren Zbyszinski	
	Everyone Counts, Everyone In: Seasons of Arizona’s Post School Outcomes (PSO) Survey	Aurora ABCD	Lorrie Sheehy	
	Don’t We Already do Inclusion?	Solana A	Dr. Paula Kluth	
	AZ Employment First: Job Opportunities Build Success	Solana B	Linda Tasco Sara Sembiente Susan Voirol Mike Leyva	Margaret Corcoran Janet Holt Mark Jacoby Gina Griffiths
	SPED influencing GenED Systems: Deaf Education Strategies	Solana CD	Dr. Patrick Graham	Jennifer Hensley
	NCSC Alternate Assessment—Hitting the Target	Solana FG	Audra Ahumada	
	Close Reading of Complex Text with a Special Education Emphasis	Solana H	Dr. Doug Fisher	
	Positive Interventions and Effective Strategies	Solana I	Dr. Laura Riffel	
11:30–12:30	Lunch — Event Center			
12:30–2:00	Data-Driven Instruction 101	Cira A	Scott Maxwell	
	Raising Student Achievement for Students with Disabilities: Characteristics of Successful Districts and Charters	Cira B	Melissa De Vries	Oran Tkatchov
	Approaches to Learning Standards-Early Childhood	Cira C	Millie Archer	
	Improving Post School Outcomes: The Data Made Us Do It	Aurora ABCD	Lorrie Sheehy Jan Cawthorne	Melanie Kelley
	Don’t We Already do Inclusion? (repeat)	Solana A	Dr. Paula Kluth	
	Using the Best Arrows in Your Quiver	Solana B	Eric Brooks	Steve Larson
	The Arizona Developmental Disabilities Surveillance Program Update	Solana CD	Dr. Sydney Petty-Grove	
	NCSC Writing Assessment: A Paradigm Shift	Solana FG	Audra Ahumada	
	Close Reading of Complex Text with a Special Education Emphasis (repeat)	Solana H	Dr. Doug Fisher	

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	Positive Interventions and Effective Strategies (repeat)	Solana I	Dr. Laura Riffel	
2:00–2:30	Refreshment Break—Solana E			
Time	Session Title	Room	Presenter	
2:30–4:00	Data-Driven Instruction 101 (repeat)	Cira A	Scott Maxwell	
	Recruiting, Retaining, and Supporting Special Education Personnel	Cira B	Tracy Faulkner Jennine Davidson	Dr. Jennifer Huber
	Language and Literacy Development in the Early Years-Early Childhood	Cira C	Dr. Lauren Zbyszinski	Millie Archer
	Characteristics of Successful Districts and Charters: A Panel Discussion	Aurora ABCD	Oran Tkatchov	Melissa De Vries
	Don’t We Already do Inclusion? (repeat)	Solana A	Dr. Paula Kluth	
	Is your Bottom 25% Arizona’s Bottom 25%?	Solana B	Yovhane Metcalfe	
	SPED influencing GenED Systems: Deaf Education Strategies (repeat)	Solana CD	Dr. Patrick Graham	Jennifer Hensley
	What’s up with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)	Solana FG	Susan Voirol Sara Sembiente Linda Tasco	Sheryl Hart Kristin Mackey
	Close Reading of Complex Text with a Special Education Emphasis (repeat)	Solana H	Dr. Doug Fisher	
	Positive Interventions and Effective Strategies (repeat)	Solana I	Dr. Laura Riffel	

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Wednesday, September 30			
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7:00–8:00	Conference Registration, Vendors		
7:00–8:00	Breakfast—Event Center		
8:00–8:15	Welcome		
8:15–9:15	Keynote: “Special Education Law: Year in Review ” Art Cernosia, Esquire		
9:15–10:00	Coffee Break, Vendor/Exhibitor—Solana E		
Time	Session Title	Room	Presenter
10:00–11:30	Fierce Conversations: Confrontation	Cira AB	Fierce Conversations Kendra Carpenter
	Legal Considerations in Implementing Behavior Interventions	Solana ABCD	Art Cernosia
	Co-Teaching: What's Hot? What's Not?	Solana FGHI	Dr. Marilyn Friend
11:30–12:30	Lunch—Event Center		
11:30–12:30	SEAA Luncheon—Aurora ABCD		
12:30–2:00	Fierce Conversations: Confrontation (repeat)	Cira AB	Fierce Conversations Kendra Carpenter
	Legal Considerations in Implementing Behavior Interventions (repeat)	Solana ABCD	Art Cernosia
	Co-Teaching: What's Hot? What's Not? (repeat)	Solana FGHI	Dr. Marilyn Friend
2:00–2:15	Refreshment Break—Solana E		
2:15 – 3:45	Fierce Conversations: Confrontation (repeat)	Cira AB	Fierce Conversations Kendra Carpenter
	Legal Considerations in Implementing Behavior Interventions (repeat)	Solana ABCD	Art Cernosia
	Co-Teaching: What's Hot? What's Not? (repeat)	Solana FGHI	Dr. Marilyn Friend

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Thursday, October 1

Time	Activity			
7:00–8:00	Conference Registration			
7:00–8:00	Breakfast—Event Center			
Time	Session Title	Room	Presenter	
8:00–9:30	Moving PBIS Forward with Quality, Equity, and Efficiency	Cira A	Joni Cesario	Dr. Randy Watkins
	Count Your Kids: Check!	Cira B	Peggy Staples	Chris Brown
	Challenging Behaviors—Early Childhood	Cira C	Lori Masseur	
	Introducing the Guidance Document for Speech in the Public Schools	Aurora ABCD	Mary Keeney	Crystal Brooks
	Getting Started with Differentiation	Solana A	Dr. Carol Ann Tomlinson	
	Survival Skills for Special Education Directors	Solana B	Michael Remus Heidi Sinkovic Dr. Maria Berecin-Rascon	Janet Holt Dr. Jane Rupard Dustie Gunn
	Part I: Inclusion or Illusion? Leaders as Innovators	Solana CD	Susan Shooter Kimberly Rice	Dr. Jennifer Huber
	Federal IDEA Funding	Solana FG	Connie Hill	
	Rule Change: The Impact on How We Do Business!	Solana H	Maura Mall	Bill McQueary
	State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) Phase II: The Improvement Plan for Achieving Results	Solana I	Lisa Yencarelli	Ann Brusca
9:30–9:45	Break			
9:45–11:15	Leadership Matters: How to Effectively Leverage Administrator Leadership to Support Special Education	Cira A	Dr. Jennifer Huber	Michael Mannelly
	SAIS to AzEDS Transition	Cira B	Peggy Staples Chris Brown	Randall Lohn Rose Whelihan
	Dramatic Play—Early Childhood	Cira C	Lori Masseur	Ariana Lopez
	The REAL Story on Using an SLP/SLPA Model	Aurora ABCD	Dr. Jeff Meeks	Amy Hill
	Instructional Strategies for Differentiation	Solana A	Dr. Carol Ann Tomlinson	
	Examining Practices: What to Expect	Solana B	Susan Smith Deanna Smith-Stout	Lisa Abbett
	Assistive Technology for Executive Functioning	Solana CD	Mary Keeney	Ann Gortarez
	Basics of Implementation Science	Solana FG	Dr. Sabrina Salmon	Stacy Riccio
	Dispute Resolution Showcase	Solana H	Kacey Gregson Amy Dill	Bob Fitzsimmons Jeff Studer

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11:15–12:00	Lunch—Event Center			
12:00–1:30	Student Led IEPs	Cira A	Dr. DiAnne Davidsen Zachary Lewis	Mary Anne Huband Anita Pedro Michael Utter
	Assistive Technology: What’s YOUR Score?	Cira B	Bruce Kennedy	Ann Gortarez
	Math in the Early Years-Early Childhood	Cira C	Arianna Lopez	
	Formative Assessment and Differentiation	Solana A	Dr. Carol Ann Tomlinson	
	De-Mystifying Data and Collaborating with Parents Presented by Raising Special Kids	Solana B	Christopher Tiffany Ron Denne, Jr.	
	Part II: The Exploration Phase of Inclusion	Solana CD	Susan Shooter Kimberly Rice	Dr. Jennifer Huber
	Computer-Based Testing for All Learners	Solana FG	Margaret Bowerman	
	"Another Meeting?": The Importance of Collaboration in Transition Planning	Solana H	Andi Asel	
	State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) Phase II: The Improvement Plan for Achieving Results (repeat)	Solana I	Lisa Yencarelli	Ann Brusca